Reporting Sexual Violence

Monthly News Brief

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This News Brief bears testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence by state bodies or conflict actors. Most events of violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative of the extent or nature of sexual violence in general. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence. Help support our work by sharing this resource with your networks. Please copy and paste this link: https://bit.ly/Oct2026SV

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By state bodies or conflict actors that particularly targets IDPs and refugees, aid, health workers or educators or students among others.

Africa

Central African Republic

01 October 2026: In Bar village, Zemio sub prefecture, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, an unspecified number of women and girls were taken away and sexually assaulted by Wagner Group and their auxiliaries, the "Black Russians' during the evening and throughout the night. The perpetrators had stormed the village in the early hours of the morning, beating and injuring some civilians. **Source: Corbeau News**

Kenya

09 October 2026: In Imenti Central sub-county, Meru county, a three-and-a-half-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by suspected police officers at the Kinjo Police Patrol Base. Following the attack, the child was taken to Nairobi Women's Hospital in Meru where doctors conducted a medical examination. On 11 November, two officers were taken into custody. **Source: People Daily**

Nigeria

As reported on 08 October 2026: In an undisclosed location in Kaduna state, a woman was reportedly sexually abused by a Kaduna militia after they reportedly abducted her to facilitate a ransom demand for the release of a suspect arrested by police forces. The victim was killed after they collected the ransom. **Source: Punch NG**

Asia

India

10-11 October 2026: In Delhi city and state, three journalists were sexually harassed by police officers during a protest calling for the resignation of the country's top election official. **Source: Human Rights Watch**

29 October 2026: In Saraikela-Kharsawan district, Saraikela town, Jharkhand state, a woman was raped by a police constable inside Gamharia police station after going there to seek police assistance after a dispute with her husband. The constable was arrested and five police personnel were suspended for negligence. **Source: The New Indian Express**

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

11 October 2026: In Hama Hama governorate, a 15-year-old girl from the Alawite sect from Tal Sekkin village was sexually assaulted after being lured away in the evening by a suspected member of the General Security forces along with suspected local individuals . She was later found at the junction of Al-Hemeiri village in a critical physical and psychological condition. There were accusations of attempts to cover up the case, intimidate the girl's family and some villagers, and detain some of them. **Source: SOHR**

Yemen

04 October 2026: In Taiz city and governorate, a Houthi forces member was killed, stripped of clothing and had his private parts exposed, photographed and the images published by mercenaries of the Saudi-led coalition. **Source: Yemen News Agency**

The Americas

Chile

03 October 2026: At the Naval Maritime Garrisson, Easter Island, a 23-year-old Indigenous Rapa Nui woman was raped by at least four Marine Corps officers in the early hours of the morning during an unauthorised party. Two sergeants were later formally charged with raping the young woman. **Source: Biobio Chile**

Haiti

As reported on 02 October 2026: In Haiti, more than 1,000 women and girls have been raped in 2026 up until 11 September amid the gang violence crisis. **Source: Africa News**

As reported on 09 October 2026: In Port-au-Prince city and arrondissement, West department, 2,485 survivors of sexual violence were cared for by Doctors Without Borders (MSF) between January and May 2026, in areas affected by gang conflicts. **Source: Le Nouvelliste**

This Monthly News Brief comprises publicly reported cases of sexual violence by law enforcement bodies, conflict-related sexual violence, and sexual violence that targets IDPs / refugees or vulnerable beneficiaries. It is published by Insecurity Insight and prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. This Monthly News Brief bears testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence. Most events of sexual violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence. Visit our **website** for more information.

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